

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**LISTING OF THE CLAIMS:**

Claims 21 – 27 (*Withdrawn*)

28. *(Currently Amended)* A method of improving harvest yield for tentacled plants by providing a ~~water-impervious~~ membrane strip of a water-impervious material with tentacle anchoring formations, the method including

laying a tentacled plant anchor and ground cover on a strip of ground, the tentacled plant anchor and ground cover including a membrane strip of a synthetic plastics material having a side which in use is an upper side on which a growing tentacled plant can be supported, and tentacle anchoring formations on the upper side of the membrane strip for assisting a tentacled plant in the vicinity of the tentacled plant anchor and ground cover to anchor itself thereto, the tentacle anchoring formations allowing plant tentacles to grow in between the tentacle anchoring formations and the membrane strip;

securing the tentacled plant anchor and ground cover to the ground; and

planting tentacled plants or their seed through apertures in the membrane strip so that tentacled plants growing through the apertures can anchor themselves to the tentacle anchoring formations on top of the membrane strip.

29. *(Previously presented)* A method as claimed in claim 28, in which laying the tentacled plant anchor and ground cover includes unrolling the membrane strip and the tentacle anchoring formations from a roll, comprising a ply of the membrane strip and a ply of the tentacle anchoring formations.

30. *(Previously presented)* A method as claimed in claim 28, in which securing the ground cover to the ground includes securing longitudinally extending zones

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adjacent respective longitudinally extending edges of the tentacled plant anchor and ground cover to the ground.

31. (*Previously presented*) A method as claimed in claim 28, which includes providing a tunnel or shelter over the tentacled plant anchor and ground cover.

32. (*Previously presented*) A method of improving harvest yield for tentacled plants by providing tentacle anchoring formations for the tentacled plants, the method including

    laying a membrane strip of a synthetic plastics material having a side which in use is an upper side on a strip of ground;

    laying tentacle anchoring formations on the upper side of the membrane strip;

    securing the membrane strip and the tentacle anchoring formations to the ground; and

    planting tentacled plants or their seed through apertures in the membrane strip so that tentacled plants growing through the apertures can anchor themselves to the tentacle anchoring formations on top of the membrane strip.

33. (*Previously presented*) A method as claimed in claim 32, which includes providing a roll, comprising a ply of the membrane strip and a ply of tentacle anchoring formations, and unrolling the membrane strip and the tentacle anchoring formations simultaneously to lay them simultaneously on the ground.

34. (*Previously presented*) A method as claimed in claim 32, in which securing the membrane strip and the tentacle anchoring formations to the ground includes securing longitudinally extending zones adjacent respective longitudinally extending edges of the membrane strip and a body defining the tentacle anchoring formations to the ground.

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35. (*Previously presented*) A method as claimed in claim 32, which includes providing a tunnel or shelter over the membrane strip and the tentacle anchoring formations.